



American Elasmobranch Society 2026 Student Travel Award

Students presenting a contributed talk or poster as a **first or sole author** during the 2026 AES Annual Meeting are invited to apply for financial assistance to attend the meeting. Per the current AES By-laws, students must be a **member in good standing and in at least their second year of consecutive membership to be eligible**.

The maximum AES Student Travel Award will not exceed **\$500** and Society funds typically support only 12-15 awards per year. Funding will be awarded **once for undergraduate students, up to two times for Master's students, and up to 3 times for doctoral students**. Therefore, please consider carefully whether or not you want to apply for funds this year, as you may prefer to wait to request funds for future meetings (e.g., those located farther away). When funds are limited and the Society is not able to fund all applicants, assistance may be based on applicants' need or prior funding success. In these instances, priority may be given to students with greater financial need, more complete research products, and/or those who have not previously received travel awards. The committee strongly advises all students to **seek additional funding sources** (e.g., departmental funds) to attend the meeting.

To apply, compile the following documents:

1. A completed application form (see next page).
2. An itemized budget (include all travel costs) showing how funds will be spent.
3. An abstract of the paper or poster to be presented.
4. A short **formal** letter indicating how support will be used and why it is needed. This letter should include an indication of other funding that has been applied for and/or secured.

Submit your completed application by email as a **single pdf document** to Dominic Swift, the AES Grant Fund Committee Chair (dominic.swift@tamucc.edu).

Completed applications **must be received by 5pm (Eastern Standard Time) April 1, 2026**. Late applications will not be considered. If for some reason you cannot submit an electronic version of your application, please contact the Grant Fund Committee Chair well in advance of the deadline for other options.



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Application Form

Please complete this form and include with the other documents in your application. The completed application must be received by email no later than **5pm (Eastern Standard Time) April 1, 2026**.

I am an AES member in good standing (dues paid by December 31, 2025) and in at least my second year of AES membership.

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

DEGREE	UNIVERSITY	DEGREE & YEAR EARNED
Current		
Undergraduate		
Previous graduate		

ADVISOR: _____

EXPECTED GRADUATION DATE: _____

TYPE OF PRESENTATION: Poster or Oral

TITLE OF PRESENTATION: _____

AMOUNT OF FUNDING REQUESTED FROM AES: \$_____

HAVE APPLIED FOR OTHER FUNDING TO ATTEND THE 2026 AES MEETING: Yes or No
If Yes, please detail the funding sources and amounts in the letter accompanying your application.

NUMBER OF AES TRAVEL AWARDS RECEIVED DURING CURRENT DEGREE: _____

NUMBER OF AES TRAVEL AWARDS RECEIVED DURING PREVIOUS DEGREES: _____

I hereby acknowledge that I am a member of the American Elasmobranch Society in good standing in at least my second year of membership, and I agree to use these grant monies to defray costs associated with attendance at the AES annual meeting. Furthermore, I will acknowledge the AES for funding during my presentation in the year I receive this award.

STUDENT SIGNATURE _____

DATE _____